



IN THE NEWS

Australian Libraries participate in EBSCONET

La Trobe University Library and CSIRO Central Library have agreed to become test users of EBSCO's Online Subscription Service - EBSCONET.

EBSCONET operates through a computer terminal in the user library, linked to the host computer in Birmingham, Alabama and caters for direct communication of subscription information. Two EBSCONET systems for serials management are available: the Online Subscription Service (OSS) and the Serials Control System (SCS). Both La Trobe and CSIRO are evaluating the usefulness of OSS which allows: transmitting claims; transmitting interim subscription orders; accessing EBSCO's title file and Missing Copy Bank; and accessing the Summary of Publications Ordered for reviewing all orders.

While further information on EBSCONET is available from EBSCO Subscription Services, any other Australian libraries making use of this service are invited to share their findings with La Trobe and CSIRO. Contacts are Pam Longley (Serials Librarian - La Trobe University) and Pauline Hiscock or John Thawley of the Orders Section, CSIRO, Central Library, East Melbourne.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA



Senior Executive Officer

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Australian Bibliographic Network Office

The National Library of Australia invites applications from suitably experienced persons for appointment to the Australian Public Service as an Executive Officer (Clerk Class 11).

The Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) is an automated bibliographic service based on a co-operative shared catalogue facility. Currently 53 member organisations belong to the network using the cataloguing and bibliographic support services, 40 other customers currently access the data-base by dial-up for enquiry. Hard copy products are sold to a growing number of organisations.

The successful applicant will be responsible for management of the operations of the ABN office, participate in the formulation of policy relating to the development of ABN and perform the functions of the Executive Officer to the Network Committee.

Qualifications: Extensive experience in management of library systems, together with either professional qualifications in librarianship or computer science.

Conditions of Service: Conditions of service are those applicable to all permanent officers of the Australian Public Service and include 4 weeks annual leave with bonus payment, cumulative sick leave, long service leave and participation in a comprehensive superannuation scheme. Fares and removal expenses to take up duty and a short-term accommodation allowance may also be payable.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms Judith Baskin on Canberra (062) 62 1484.

Applications, providing details of qualifications and experience should be forwarded to:

National Library of Australia, Parkes, A.C.T. 2600.

Closing Date: 29 July 1983.

Directory of online search services in Australia

The number and variety of online information services in Australia has increased enormously since the introduction of MIDAS in 1979. The activity reported by the National Library's *Network Study No. 4* in 1977 has blossomed remarkably quickly.

In an attempt to fill a gap in the range of directories of Australian information services, Alex Byrne is compiling the first national *Directory of Online Search Services* to be published by the Footscray Institute of Technology Library. Its publication will allow us to easily find answers to such frequently asked questions as:

- Who is using BRS and can describe their experiences?
- Is there a publicly available online search service in Camooweal?
- Does the Julatten School of Arts have an online search service?

A brief questionnaire has been widely distributed but if you, or your organisation, operate an online search service and have not submitted a questionnaire, please contact Alex Byrne, C/- The Library, James Cook University, Townsville, Qld. 4811.

Map curator resigns

After four years as Map Curator at the National Library of Australia, Mrs Dorothy Prescott has resigned to open her own consultancy in map information and research and map library management.

Mrs Prescott, who was responsible for discovering that the National Library held the world's only known copy of the Doncker Sea Atlas of 1659 and who supervised the automated cataloguing of the Library's map collection, was previously Curator of Maps at the University of Melbourne.

She has also been involved in the work of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials in setting international rules and standards for cataloguing such material and will continue to represent the Australian Map Circle on this committee.

After a fishing holiday in Darwin, Mrs Prescott will be based in Canberra till November, when she will move to Melbourne.

Senior library appointment

Mrs Frances Awcock has been appointed Director, Technical Services of the Library Council of Victoria. This position is one of six new senior management positions created after a review of the Library Council's operations last year.

Mrs Awcock was previously a Systems Consultant with Libramatic Systems Pty Ltd. Her experience includes working as Librarian-in-Charge at the Australian Science Education Project, as Acquisitions Librarian at Toorak Teachers' College, and eight years as Technical Services Librarian at the State College of Victoria, Toorak.

While at the State College, Mrs Awcock was a member of the College Council as the academic staff representative. The College also sent her on a two month staff development leave programme to the University of Oregon to research the impact of library automation on library services.

IBBY News

Brochures for the IBBY Conference, 'Changing Faces: Story and Children in an Electronic Age' (25-27 August at the University of Sydney) have been distributed and registrations have started to come in from all parts of Australia.

The Technology Fair will run throughout the Conference and will be open to outside visitors at a specified time on August 27.

The Australian illustrator Jan Ormerod, winner of the 1982 Children's Picture Book of the Year for Sunshine, will be exhibiting her work at the Biennale d'Illustrations de Bratislava (BIB) this year.

Australian writer Patricia Wrightson has been nominated for the 1984 Hans Christian Andersen Awards - one of the world's most prestigious awards for children's writing and illustrating.

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Edited by Helga Lengenfelder. K.G. Saur, West Germany. 1983. 450p.

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Approximately 7,000 directories from 100 countries are listed, including many publications released by private associations. The bibliography is divided into sections: general; science and technology; art and culture; business and economy. A comprehensive list of publishers' addresses is also included.

Recommended Reference Books for Small and Medium Sized Libraries and Media Centers, 1983.

Edited by Bohdan, Wynar. Libraries Unlimited, US, 1983. 250p. ISBN 0 87287 382 X. \$US19.50

The 533 titles reviewed in this volume were selected from American Reference Books Annual, 1983. To assist selection, reviews are coded with the letters: C; P; and S. This indicates that a given reference work is a recommended purchase for small college libraries (C); public libraries (P); or school library media centers (S). This title is also available as a STANDING ORDER item.

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